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**THE  
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## WHAT IS THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY?

The Illinois Sex Offender Registry, maintained by the Illinois State Police, was created to provide easy access to publicly available information about persons convicted of sex offenses. The Registry identifies persons who must register as Sex Offenders because of convictions for certain sex offenses and/or crimes against children. Under Illinois law, a person must register as a sex offender if he or she is convicted of one of the following crimes:

*Child Pornography*

*Indecent Solicitation of a Child*

*Sexual Exploitation of a Child*

*Soliciting for a Juvenile Prostitute*

*Keeping a Place of Juvenile Prostitution*

*Patronizing a Juvenile Prostitute*

*Juvenile Pimping*

*Exploitation of a Child*

*Criminal Sexual Assault*

*Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault*

*Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child*

*Ritualized Abuse of a Child*

*Criminal Sexual Abuse*

*Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse*

The following crimes also require registration if the victim is a person under 18 years of age and the defendant is not a parent of the victim:

*Kidnapping*

*Aggravated Kidnapping*

*Unlawful Restraint*

*Aggravated Unlawful Restraint*

## WHAT DOES THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT REQUIRE?

The Illinois Sex Offender Registration Act requires that every sex offender register in person with the local police department or county sheriff in each municipality in which he or she resides or attends school. Sex offenders must register within 10 days of release from confinement or, if sentenced to probation, within 10 days of entry of the sentencing order. The law also provides that:

- Sex offenders must register annually.
- A sex offender found to be a Sexually Violent Person or a Sexually Dangerous Person must register every 90 days.
- If a sex offender moves, he or she must register his or her new address with the local police department or local county sheriff within 10 days of moving.
- The sex offender must bring proof of residence and will be photographed during the registration process.



## HOW LONG IS A SEX OFFENDER REQUIRED TO REGISTER?

Sex Offenders are required to register for a period of 10 years after conviction or, if confined, for a period of 10 years after parole, discharge or release from confinement.

Sexually Dangerous and Sexually Violent persons and persons convicted of an offense that qualifies them as a Sexual Predator are required to register for natural life.

## WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION LAWS?

A sex offender who fails to comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration Act commits a Class 3 felony (3-5 years). The sex offender is also required to serve a minimum of 7 days in a local county jail. Failing to register turns the 10-year time clock back and a new 10-year period begins with the initial re-registering.

**Visit the Illinois Sex Offender Registry at:  
[www.isp.state.il.us](http://www.isp.state.il.us)**

The Illinois State Police has not considered or assessed the specific risk of re-offense with regard to any individual prior to his or her inclusion on this Registry and has made no determination concerning whether any individual included in the Registry is currently dangerous.



## WHAT IS I-SORT?

In December 2003, Attorney General Lisa Madigan brought together law enforcement leaders throughout Illinois to create the Illinois Sex Offender Registry Team (I-SORT). I-SORT is focused on improving Illinois' Sex Offender Registry.

I-SORT partners include:

Attorney General Lisa Madigan

Secretary of State Jesse White

Illinois State Police

Illinois Department of Corrections

Chicago Police Department

Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine

Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan

Illinois Sheriffs' Association

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police

United States Marshal

As a result of the effort and recommendations of I-SORT, the registry has been significantly improved. Among many improvements, the registry now contains information on the criminal history of registered offenders and denotes whether the offenders are compliant with registration laws. Additionally, key portions of the Web site have been translated into Spanish.

## I-SORT Public Awareness Posters

Attorney General Madigan and I-SORT have launched a statewide public awareness campaign to educate Illinoisans on the Registry. (See back panel.)

## I-SORT Hotline: 1-888-41-ISORT (47678)

I-SORT has established a toll-free number to take your phone-in tips about inaccurate or incomplete entries on the Sex Offender Registry and to answer your questions about the registry law. If you have or need information, please call the I-SORT Hotline.

## How to Order Posters

To order sex offender registry posters, please call the I-SORT hotline number at 1-888-41-ISORT (47678). You will need to provide your contact information and the number of posters that you would like in English and Spanish. The hotline is answered Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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